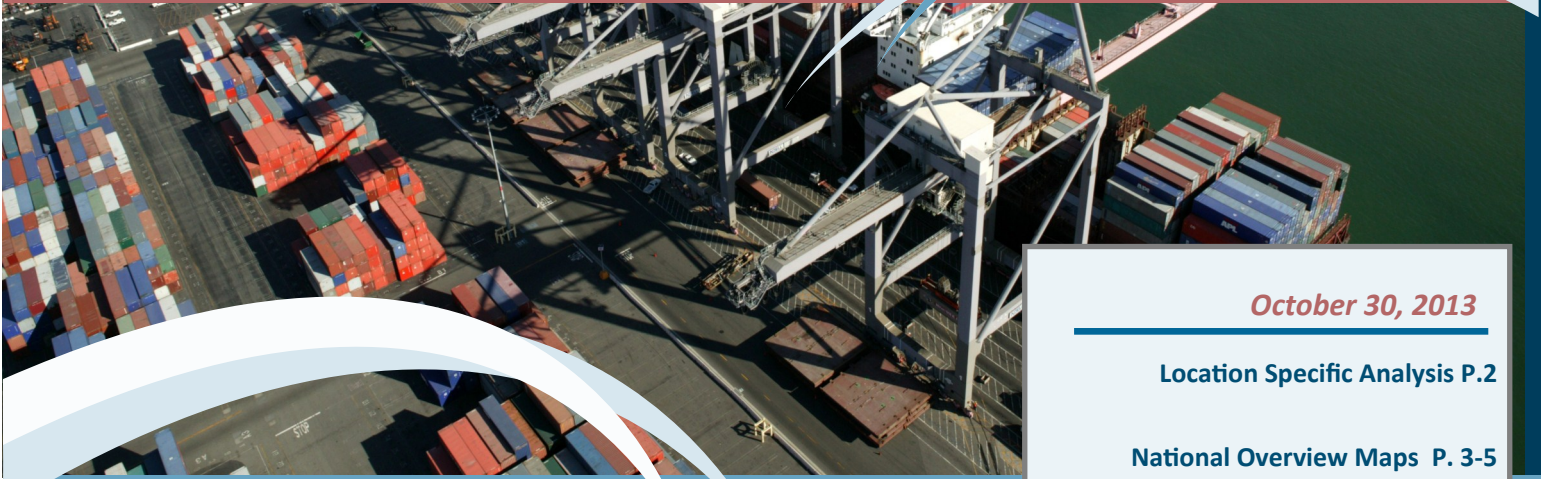




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Weekly Container Overview

AMS Publishes New Report Titled “Profiles of Top U.S. Agricultural Ports”

The publication provides detail on the top 20 U.S. ocean ports for agricultural cargo. Individual port profiles provide detailed information on commodities moved, shipping lines used, and destination and origin countries. Visit the website for more information.

New Addition to OSCAR

This week’s report presents the first in a series of location specific analyses of OSCAR’s container availability data. The first location presented is Chicago. Over the next several months, AMS will provide similar analysis for each of the 18 reported locations. Please see page 2 for this week’s analysis of Chicago.

- Ports: The ports of Los Angeles/Long Beach, New York, Norfolk, and Charleston are expected to have the most available containers among the reported port locations over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates increased from the previous week in New York and Charleston, decreased in Los Angeles/Long Beach, and remained unchanged in Norfolk.
- Inland Locations: Among the reported inland locations, Chicago, Dallas, Memphis, and Columbus are expected to have the most containers available over the next 3 weeks. Availability estimates decreased this week in Memphis, but increased in Chicago, Dallas, and Columbus.
- Equipment: Overall, current week availability for all container types combined decreased this week by nearly 1,700 units from the previous week. See table below for more detail.

Week-to-Week Comparison of Current Week Availability Estimates

Container type	Week of Oct 9-15	Week of Oct 16-22	Week of Oct 23-29	Week of Oct 30-Nov 5	% Change from Previous Week
20ft dry	7,526	7,688	7,511	8,838	18%
40ft dry	8,634	9,127	10,452	9,136	-13%
40ft high-cube	19,471	20,922	21,532	20,293	-6%
40ft refrigerated	3,306	3,366	3,133	2,751	-12%
20ft refrigerated	206	254	322	245	-24%

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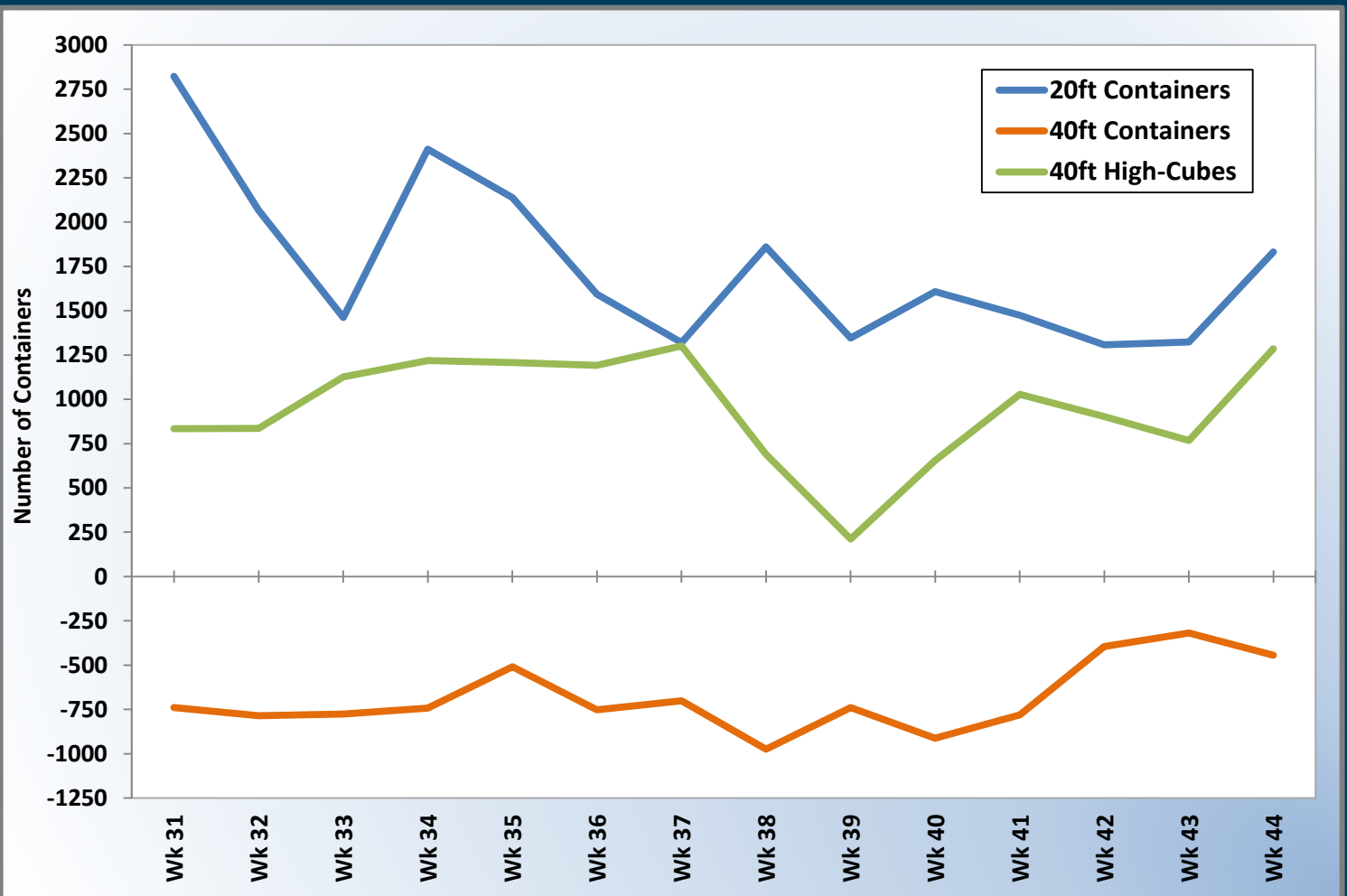
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Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

AMS will now offer location specific container availability analysis for each of the 18 reported locations, starting with Chicago below. These additional analyses will deliver a timeline of OSCAR data allowing readers to more easily track equipment availability overtime.

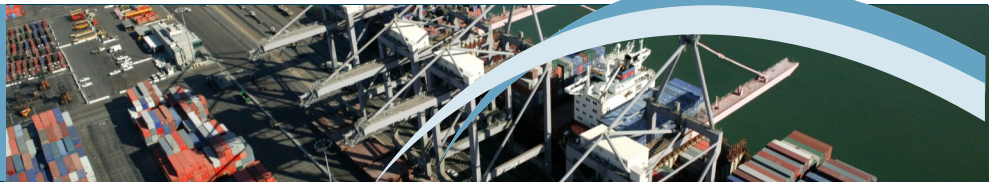
With the start of the Upper Midwest grain harvest season, the demand for containers in the heartland is typically greater the last few months of the year; particularly at intermodal centers in Chicago, Minneapolis, and Kansas City. Additionally, demand for containers at port locations such as Los Angeles/Long Beach, Seattle, and Tacoma is typically greater as many containerized grain exports are transloaded into containers at the ports. The graphic below provides a view of container availability in Chicago over the last few months. As is typical this time of year, overall container availability has decreased as holiday shipments start to decline leaving the container pools for exports shallow. Availability of both 20ft and 40ft dry containers has decreased over the past several weeks, but saw an increase this week. The supply of 40ft high-cube containers has experienced a slight increase over the past couple of weeks but dropped slightly this week. See figure below.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Chicago, August-October 2013

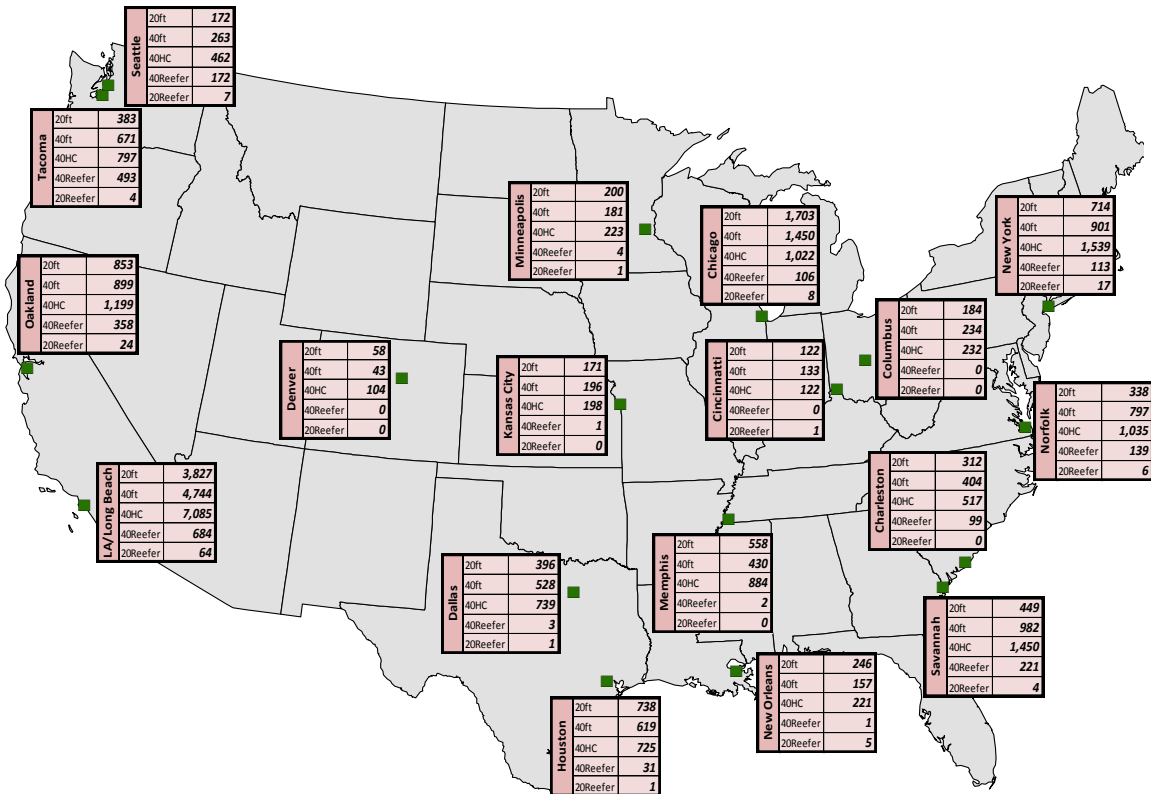


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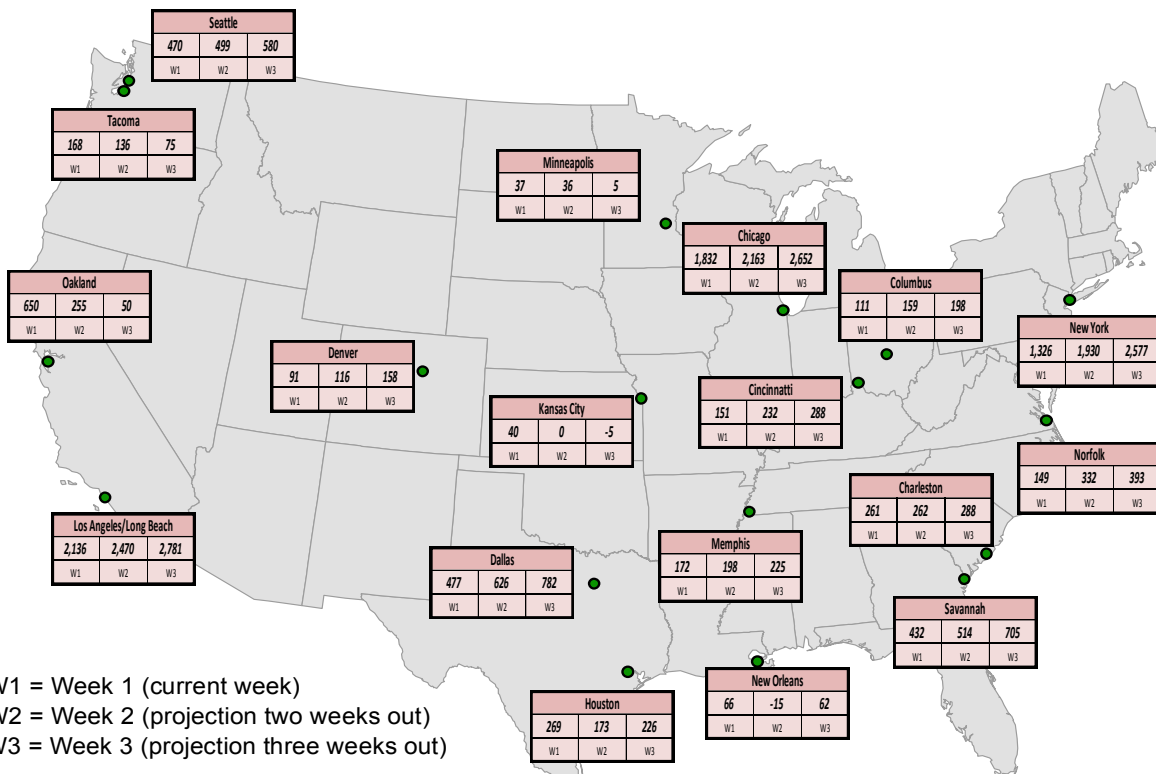
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



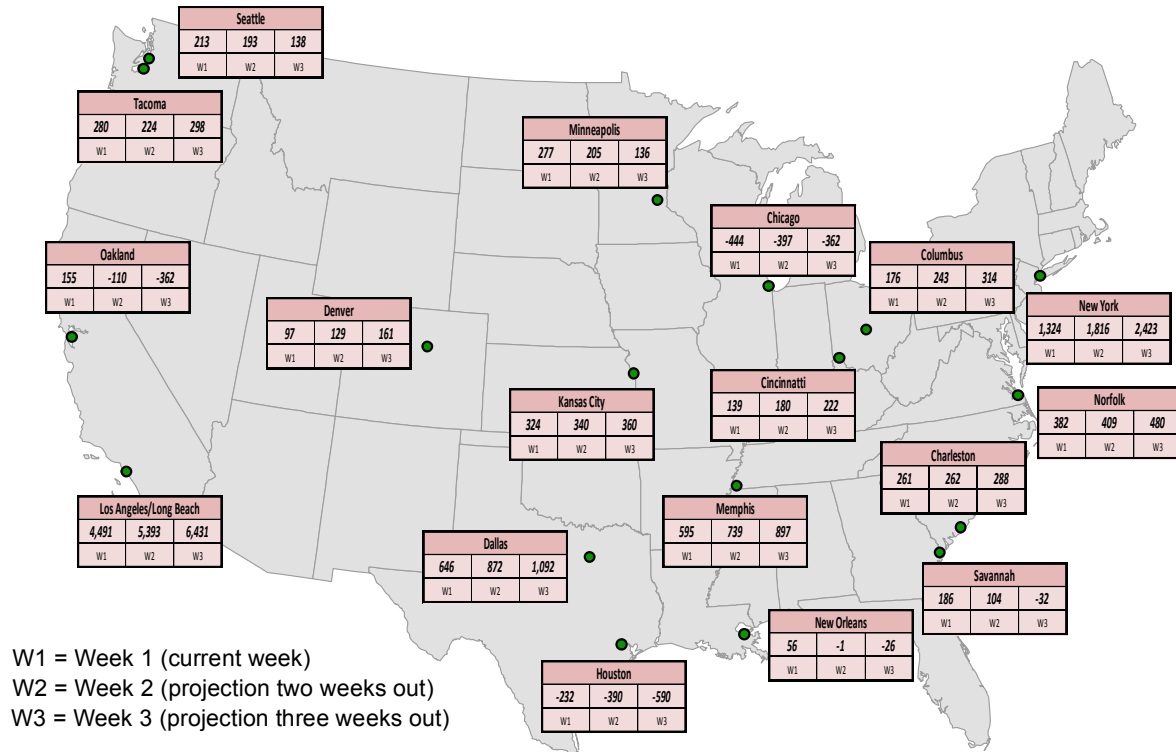
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



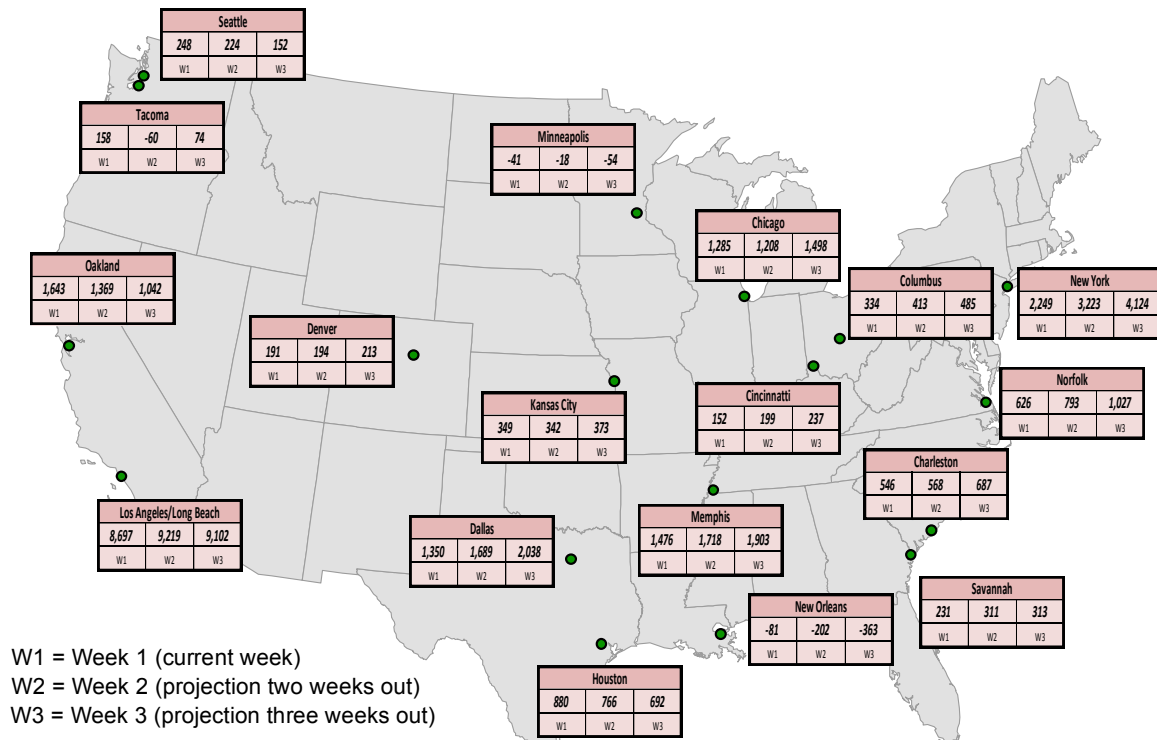
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers

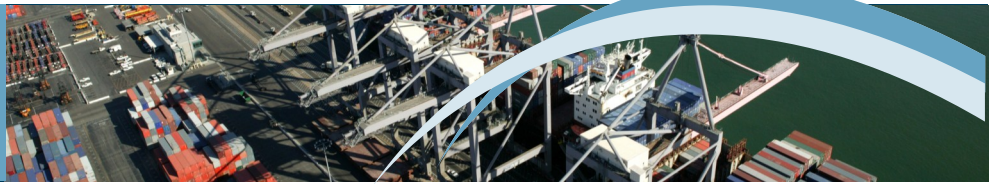


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

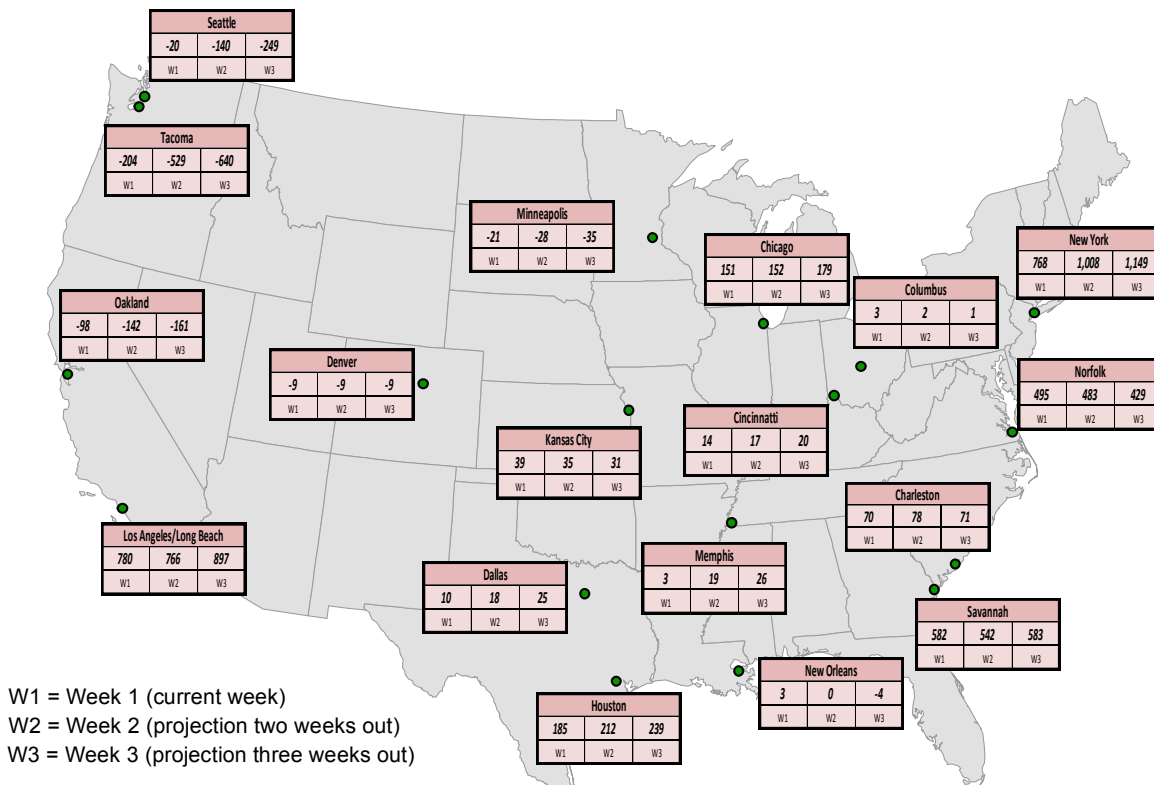


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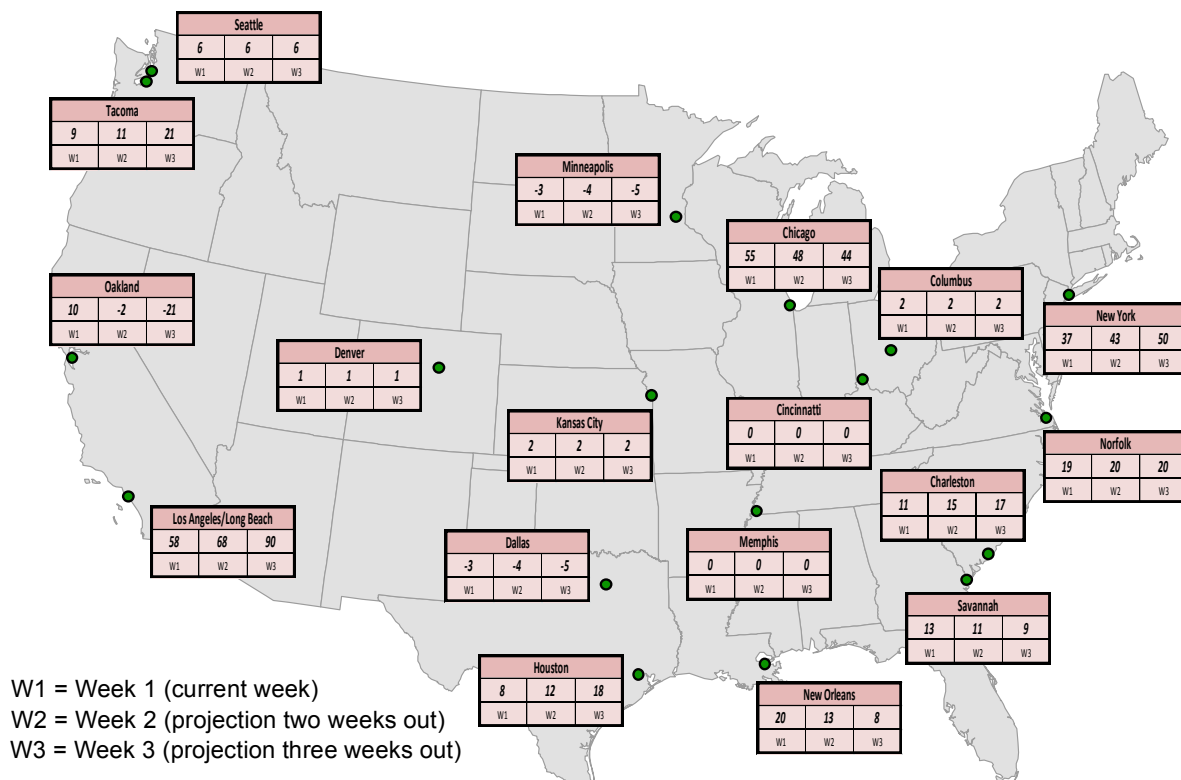
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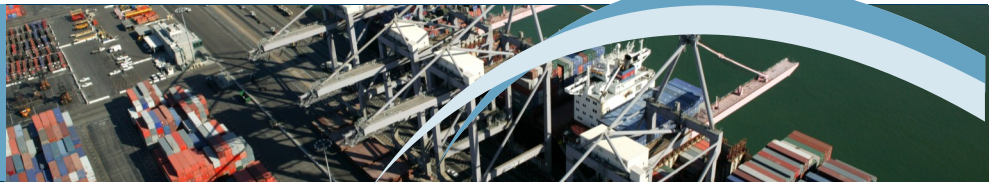


Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	154	56	50	32	2	-33	.	.	.	.	261
Week 2: Nov 6-12	149	74	50	31	1	-43	.	.	.	.	262
Week 3: Nov 13-19	136	100	50	47	2	-47	.	.	.	.	288
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	173	119	80	76	20	3	.	.	.	.	471
Week 2: Nov 6-12	160	141	101	123	20	7	.	.	.	.	552
Week 3: Nov 13-19	152	156	116	169	20	7	.	.	.	.	620
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	244	118	85	58	40	1	.	.	.	.	546
Week 2: Nov 6-12	320	86	35	85	40	2	.	.	.	.	568
Week 3: Nov 13-19	402	131	33	79	40	2	.	.	.	.	687
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	106	25	16	5	1	-83	.	.	.	.	70
Week 2: Nov 6-12	109	25	19	5	1	-81	.	.	.	.	78
Week 3: Nov 13-19	112	25	22	5	1	-94	.	.	.	.	71
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	6	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Nov 6-12	9	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Nov 13-19	10	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,515	130	124	100	8	-45	.	.	.	.	1,832
Week 2: Nov 6-12	1,870	158	39	100	6	-10	.	.	.	.	2,163
Week 3: Nov 13-19	2,236	274	42	100	8	-8	.	.	.	.	2,652
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	325	129	8	-17	-89	-800	.	.	.	.	-444
Week 2: Nov 6-12	372	206	10	-9	-176	-800	.	.	.	.	-397
Week 3: Nov 13-19	377	279	8	-5	-221	-800	.	.	.	.	-362
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	600	361	167	155	10	-8	.	.	.	.	1,285
Week 2: Nov 6-12	600	496	156	-37	8	-15	.	.	.	.	1,208
Week 3: Nov 13-19	600	686	201	21	10	-20	.	.	.	.	1,498
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	96	45	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	151
Week 2: Nov 6-12	103	39	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	152
Week 3: Nov 13-19	109	59	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	179
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	49	6	55
Week 2: Nov 6-12	44	4	48
Week 3: Nov 13-19	39	5	44

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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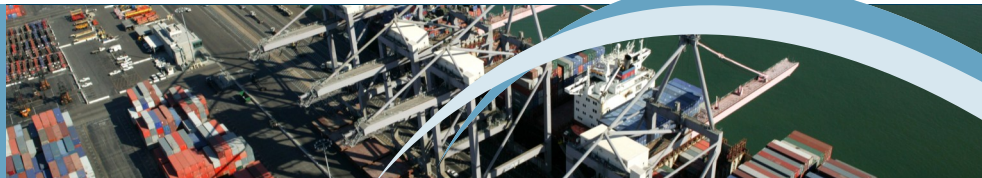


Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	52	37	33	20	14	-5	151
Week 2: Nov 6-12	66	66	69	20	12	-1	.	.	.	.	232
Week 3: Nov 13-19	75	94	82	20	18	-1	.	.	.	.	288
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	54	33	30	14	12	-4	.	.	.	.	139
Week 2: Nov 6-12	70	51	30	14	14	1	.	.	.	.	180
Week 3: Nov 13-19	79	69	30	16	26	2	.	.	.	.	222
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	83	50	18	11	-5	-5	.	.	.	.	152
Week 2: Nov 6-12	114	50	14	22	0	-1	.	.	.	.	199
Week 3: Nov 13-19	143	50	14	32	-1	-1	.	.	.	.	237
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 2: Nov 6-12	17	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Nov 13-19	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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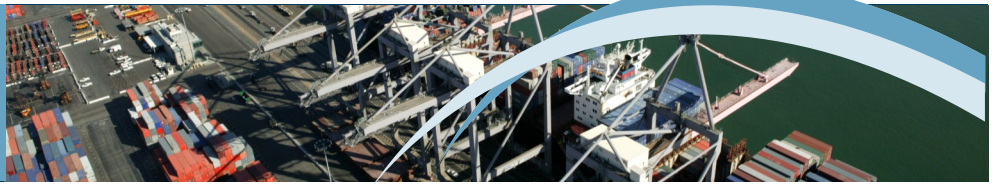


Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	62	41	10	4	3	-9	111
Week 2: Nov 6-12	84	43	12	18	3	-1	.	.	.	.	159
Week 3: Nov 13-19	105	53	12	27	3	-2	.	.	.	.	198
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	83	33	30	11	10	9	.	.	.	.	176
Week 2: Nov 6-12	141	27	30	11	5	29	.	.	.	.	243
Week 3: Nov 13-19	196	42	30	16	2	28	.	.	.	.	314
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	230	80	15	5	4	0	.	.	.	.	334
Week 2: Nov 6-12	304	80	15	10	3	1	.	.	.	.	413
Week 3: Nov 13-19	380	80	14	16	-4	-1	.	.	.	.	485
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	3	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Nov 6-12	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Nov 13-19	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	2	2
Week 2: Nov 6-12	2	2
Week 3: Nov 13-19	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	181	109	86	81	10	10	477
Week 2: Nov 6-12	296	110	83	117	10	10	.	.	.	.	626
Week 3: Nov 13-19	412	105	71	169	10	15	.	.	.	.	782
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	195	182	146	108	10	5	.	.	.	.	646
Week 2: Nov 6-12	330	236	192	101	8	5	.	.	.	.	872
Week 3: Nov 13-19	463	285	185	143	11	5	.	.	.	.	1,092
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	300	286	258	248	247	11	.	.	.	.	1,350
Week 2: Nov 6-12	300	399	402	263	315	10	.	.	.	.	1,689
Week 3: Nov 13-19	300	491	543	245	448	11	.	.	.	.	2,038
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	8	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Nov 6-12	16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
Week 3: Nov 13-19	23	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	-3	-3
Week 2: Nov 6-12	-4	-4
Week 3: Nov 13-19	-5	-5

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	88	4	1	1	1	-4	91
Week 2: Nov 6-12	113	9	1	-5	5	-7	.	.	.	.	116
Week 3: Nov 13-19	140	13	1	-3	15	-8	.	.	.	.	158
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	66	12	8	6	3	2	.	.	.	.	97
Week 2: Nov 6-12	86	18	12	8	3	2	.	.	.	.	129
Week 3: Nov 13-19	106	34	10	5	3	3	.	.	.	.	161
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	70	55	30	19	9	8	.	.	.	.	191
Week 2: Nov 6-12	70	82	17	22	9	-6	.	.	.	.	194
Week 3: Nov 13-19	70	107	13	22	10	-9	.	.	.	.	213
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 2: Nov 6-12	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
Week 3: Nov 13-19	0	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-9
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 6-12	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Nov 13-19	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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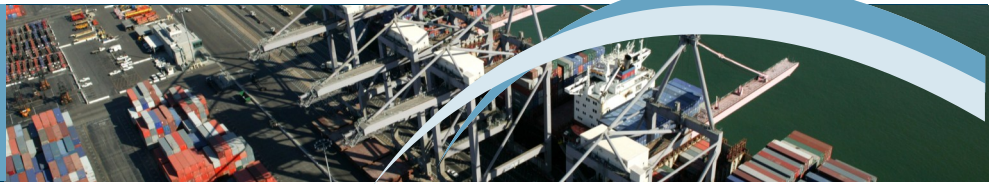


Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	150	114	49	8	1	-53	269
Week 2: Nov 6-12	150	20	38	10	4	-49	.	.	.	.	173
Week 3: Nov 13-19	150	56	46	9	2	-37	.	.	.	.	226
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	70	33	2	-15	-44	-278	.	.	.	.	-232
Week 2: Nov 6-12	70	36	4	-77	-18	-405	.	.	.	.	-390
Week 3: Nov 13-19	70	33	4	-82	-76	-539	.	.	.	.	-590
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	500	141	112	104	18	5	.	.	.	.	880
Week 2: Nov 6-12	500	127	151	-26	12	2	.	.	.	.	766
Week 3: Nov 13-19	500	134	164	-118	11	1	.	.	.	.	692
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	150	17	16	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	185
Week 2: Nov 6-12	160	39	11	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	212
Week 3: Nov 13-19	170	61	6	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	239
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	11	0	-3	8
Week 2: Nov 6-12	14	0	-2	12
Week 3: Nov 13-19	17	0	1	18

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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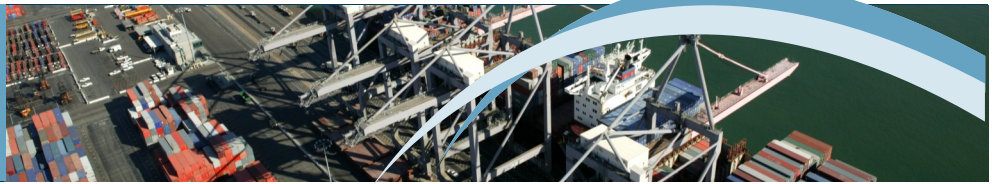


Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	23	20	17	3	-10	-13	40
Week 2: Nov 6-12	22	20	32	1	-10	-65	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 13-19	23	20	48	-2	-8	-86	.	.	.	.	-5
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	300	55	34	-1	-10	-54	.	.	.	.	324
Week 2: Nov 6-12	300	59	43	0	-12	-50	.	.	.	.	340
Week 3: Nov 13-19	300	62	51	-4	-15	-34	.	.	.	.	360
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	200	138	35	0	-10	-14	.	.	.	.	349
Week 2: Nov 6-12	200	120	41	3	-7	-15	.	.	.	.	342
Week 3: Nov 13-19	200	158	39	-3	-4	-17	.	.	.	.	373
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	32	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	39
Week 2: Nov 6-12	27	8	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	35
Week 3: Nov 13-19	22	9	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	31
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	2	2
Week 2: Nov 6-12	2	2
Week 3: Nov 13-19	2	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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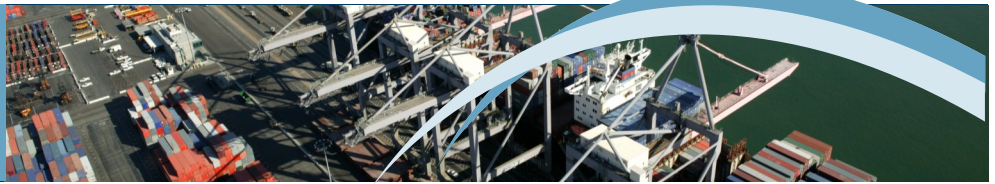


Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	950	818	383	56	45	-116	.	.	.	.	2,136
Week 2: Nov 6-12	950	774	600	222	50	-126	.	.	.	.	2,470
Week 3: Nov 13-19	950	750	775	388	50	-132	.	.	.	.	2,781
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,500	1,295	829	825	45	-3	.	.	.	.	4,491
Week 2: Nov 6-12	1,500	1,247	1,130	1,389	50	77	.	.	.	.	5,393
Week 3: Nov 13-19	1,500	1,189	1,511	2,021	50	160	.	.	.	.	6,431
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	4,400	2,673	1,646	402	60	-484	.	.	.	.	8,697
Week 2: Nov 6-12	4,400	2,507	2,563	261	60	-572	.	.	.	.	9,219
Week 3: Nov 13-19	4,400	2,310	2,729	264	60	-661	.	.	.	.	9,102
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	229	163	124	100	89	75	.	.	.	.	780
Week 2: Nov 6-12	171	155	152	100	113	75	.	.	.	.	766
Week 3: Nov 13-19	167	216	203	100	136	75	.	.	.	.	897
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	46	10	2	58
Week 2: Nov 6-12	53	10	5	68
Week 3: Nov 13-19	61	10	19	90

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	90	58	12	10	3	-1	172
Week 2: Nov 6-12	90	61	31	8	2	6	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Nov 13-19	90	60	56	5	2	12	.	.	.	.	225
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	205	190	150	51	4	-5	.	.	.	.	595
Week 2: Nov 6-12	180	273	150	113	8	15	.	.	.	.	739
Week 3: Nov 13-19	211	337	150	178	10	11	.	.	.	.	897
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,050	208	120	87	10	1	.	.	.	.	1,476
Week 2: Nov 6-12	1,050	331	143	170	8	16	.	.	.	.	1,718
Week 3: Nov 13-19	1,050	408	172	255	8	10	.	.	.	.	1,903
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Nov 6-12	3	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Nov 13-19	4	22	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 6-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 13-19	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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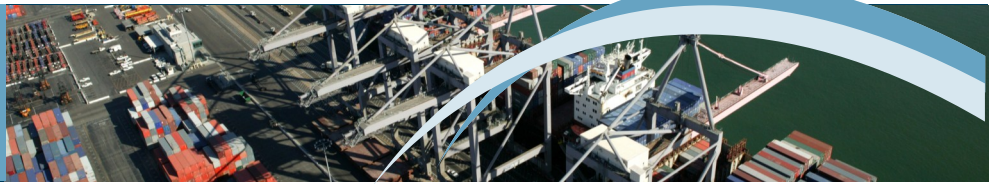


Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	76	46	20	-7	-8	-90	37
Week 2: Nov 6-12	109	34	20	2	-8	-121	.	.	.	.	36
Week 3: Nov 13-19	120	16	20	1	-7	-145	.	.	.	.	5
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	300	17	-2	-10	-13	-15	.	.	.	.	277
Week 2: Nov 6-12	300	12	-11	-27	-70	1	.	.	.	.	205
Week 3: Nov 13-19	300	14	-9	-42	-125	-2	.	.	.	.	136
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	70	31	-8	-11	-23	-100	.	.	.	.	-41
Week 2: Nov 6-12	70	41	-8	-11	5	-115	.	.	.	.	-18
Week 3: Nov 13-19	70	31	-9	-9	3	-140	.	.	.	.	-54
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: Nov 6-12	0	-28	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-28
Week 3: Nov 13-19	0	-35	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-35
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 6-12	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 13-19	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	31	14	12	8	1	0	66
Week 2: Nov 6-12	-32	10	0	7	0	0	.	.	.	.	-15
Week 3: Nov 13-19	47	10	1	5	-1	0	.	.	.	.	62
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	36	10	8	2	0	0	.	.	.	.	56
Week 2: Nov 6-12	31	14	5	2	-53	0	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 3: Nov 13-19	-2	12	2	1	-39	0	.	.	.	.	-26
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	18	12	0	0	-3	-108	.	.	.	.	-81
Week 2: Nov 6-12	16	12	0	0	-9	-221	.	.	.	.	-202
Week 3: Nov 13-19	18	9	0	-2	-21	-367	.	.	.	.	-363
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	11	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Nov 6-12	7	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 13-19	3	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	14	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Nov 6-12	7	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Nov 13-19	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	430	362	221	213	80	20	1,326
Week 2: Nov 6-12	580	637	181	422	80	30	.	.	.	.	1,930
Week 3: Nov 13-19	708	1,020	172	562	80	35	.	.	.	.	2,577
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	751	294	120	99	35	25	.	.	.	.	1,324
Week 2: Nov 6-12	869	481	120	284	37	25	.	.	.	.	1,816
Week 3: Nov 13-19	964	747	120	537	25	30	.	.	.	.	2,423
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	1,074	466	400	186	98	25	.	.	.	.	2,249
Week 2: Nov 6-12	1,494	745	400	475	74	35	.	.	.	.	3,223
Week 3: Nov 13-19	1,679	1,126	400	797	72	50	.	.	.	.	4,124
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	265	159	123	111	100	10	.	.	.	.	768
Week 2: Nov 6-12	376	218	182	102	120	10	.	.	.	.	1,008
Week 3: Nov 13-19	484	272	253	0	130	10	.	.	.	.	1,149
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	34	5	-2	37
Week 2: Nov 6-12	41	5	-3	43
Week 3: Nov 13-19	48	5	-3	50

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	112	36	11	10	8	-28	149
Week 2: Nov 6-12	226	50	9	10	9	28	.	.	.	.	332
Week 3: Nov 13-19	249	35	5	10	11	83	.	.	.	.	393
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	213	132	80	12	8	-63	.	.	.	.	382
Week 2: Nov 6-12	230	105	80	10	13	-29	.	.	.	.	409
Week 3: Nov 13-19	298	83	80	10	9	0	.	.	.	.	480
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	400	125	76	51	12	-38	.	.	.	.	626
Week 2: Nov 6-12	400	229	65	140	9	-50	.	.	.	.	793
Week 3: Nov 13-19	400	358	90	223	9	-53	.	.	.	.	1,027
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	351	117	35	10	4	-22	.	.	.	.	495
Week 2: Nov 6-12	316	126	38	10	3	-10	.	.	.	.	483
Week 3: Nov 13-19	281	111	40	10	1	-14	.	.	.	.	429
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	16	2	1	19
Week 2: Nov 6-12	16	3	1	20
Week 3: Nov 13-19	16	3	1	20

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	272	170	155	100	12	-59	650
Week 2: Nov 6-12	168	152	-109	100	12	-68	.	.	.	.	255
Week 3: Nov 13-19	100	145	-219	100	14	-90	.	.	.	.	50
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	309	90	32	10	-55	-231	.	.	.	.	155
Week 2: Nov 6-12	74	90	32	9	6	-321	.	.	.	.	-110
Week 3: Nov 13-19	-73	90	18	14	4	-415	.	.	.	.	-362
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	652	600	470	136	10	-225	.	.	.	.	1,643
Week 2: Nov 6-12	304	600	415	190	15	-155	.	.	.	.	1,369
Week 3: Nov 13-19	6	600	361	217	20	-162	.	.	.	.	1,042
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	30	14	8	1	-46	-105	.	.	.	.	-98
Week 2: Nov 6-12	30	-42	-6	1	-52	-73	.	.	.	.	-142
Week 3: Nov 13-19	30	-49	6	1	-38	-111	.	.	.	.	-161
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	10	6	-6	10
Week 2: Nov 6-12	10	4	-16	-2
Week 3: Nov 13-19	10	1	-32	-21

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	180	132	120	39	3	-42	432
Week 2: Nov 6-12	180	219	104	40	3	-32	.	.	.	.	514
Week 3: Nov 13-19	180	304	123	32	3	63	.	.	.	.	705
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	366	150	136	6	-64	-408	.	.	.	.	186
Week 2: Nov 6-12	344	150	173	7	-26	-544	.	.	.	.	104
Week 3: Nov 13-19	318	150	222	4	-33	-693	.	.	.	.	-32
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	369	350	200	0	-143	-545	.	.	.	.	231
Week 2: Nov 6-12	365	350	297	0	-79	-622	.	.	.	.	311
Week 3: Nov 13-19	373	350	371	0	-82	-699	.	.	.	.	313
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	300	130	117	49	10	-24	.	.	.	.	582
Week 2: Nov 6-12	300	117	134	48	10	-67	.	.	.	.	542
Week 3: Nov 13-19	325	96	150	67	10	-65	.	.	.	.	583
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	7	5	1	13
Week 2: Nov 6-12	6	4	1	11
Week 3: Nov 13-19	5	3	1	9

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	341	100	20	9	470
Week 2: Nov 6-12	366	100	24	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	499
Week 3: Nov 13-19	442	100	28	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	580
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	104	62	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	213
Week 2: Nov 6-12	94	51	40	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	193
Week 3: Nov 13-19	54	37	40	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	138
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	175	38	29	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	248
Week 2: Nov 6-12	175	25	16	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Nov 13-19	175	-1	-30	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	152
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	22	20	-6	-56	.	.	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 2: Nov 6-12	20	20	-10	-170	.	.	.	.	.	.	-140
Week 3: Nov 13-19	20	20	-16	-273	.	.	.	.	.	.	-249
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	5	1	6
Week 2: Nov 6-12	5	1	6
Week 3: Nov 13-19	5	1	6

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	82	71	10	5	0	168
Week 2: Nov 6-12	50	72	10	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	136
Week 3: Nov 13-19	5	66	10	5	-11	.	.	.	.	.	75
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	518	8	-15	-31	-200	.	.	.	.	.	280
Week 2: Nov 6-12	453	8	-15	-58	-164	.	.	.	.	.	224
Week 3: Nov 13-19	561	8	-15	-86	-170	.	.	.	.	.	298
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	658	40	8	-77	-471	.	.	.	.	.	158
Week 2: Nov 6-12	454	40	10	-199	-365	.	.	.	.	.	-60
Week 3: Nov 13-19	745	40	10	-351	-370	.	.	.	.	.	74
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	79	5	0	-7	-281	.	.	.	.	.	-204
Week 2: Nov 6-12	5	5	0	-269	-270	.	.	.	.	.	-529
Week 3: Nov 13-19	-10	5	0	-392	-243	.	.	.	.	.	-640
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Oct 30-Nov 5	8	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9
Week 2: Nov 6-12	10	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 3: Nov 13-19	20	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

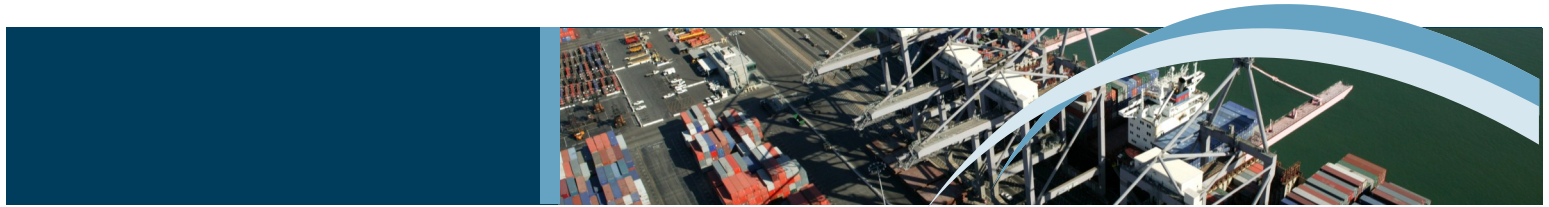
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from the 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (WTSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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